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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 19, 2010 Through February 17, 2010

New Santa Clara Family Resources Courthouse for Santa Clara County

The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties that the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the staff agency of the Judicial Council of California, is considering adoption of a mitigated negative declaration for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for a new courthouse in San Jose, CA (see figure on the following page). The AOC proposes to acquire a parcel in San Jose from the County of Santa Clara and possibly a second parcel from the Valley Transportation Authority. The AOC will construct a new courthouse facility and operate the facility for use by the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara (Superior Court). The new courthouse will provide improved security for public visitors, judges, and courthouse staff; improve access to judicial facilities for residents of San Jose and other parts of Santa Clara County; provide courthouse facilities that meet current building standards for public use; and provide new judicial facilities to improve judicial efficiency and serve additional judges. After completion of the new courthouse, the Superior Court will vacate several leased facilities in downtown San Jose. The AOC has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration to comply with requirements of CEQA; the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration disclose and evaluate the project's environmental impacts.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the proposed project and to provide comments to the AOC concerning the proposed project. The deadline for submitting comments is February 17, 2009.

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

The AOC encourages your participation. You may submit comments concerning the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration to:

Mr. Jerome Ripperda
Administrative Office of the Courts
Northern/Central Regional Office
2860 Gateway Oaks, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95833-3509
E-mail: Jerry.Ripperda@jud.ca.gov or FAX: 916-263-8140.
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All mailed comments must be postmarked by February 17, 2010. The deadline for e-mailed comments or faxed comments is 5 PM on February 17, 2010.

The AOC will hold a public meeting at the location listed below on February 10, 2010 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM to discuss the CEQA documents and receive public comments:

Department 17,
Old Courthouse
161 N. First Street
San Jose, CA

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

You may request a copy of the document by sending a request for the document to Mr. Ripperda at the address listed above. Alternatively, you may download a copy of the document from the following website:

http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_santaclara.htm.

In addition, a copy of the CEQA documents will be available for review in the government document repository of the following locations:

Joyce Ellington Branch Lib.
491 E. Empire St.
San José, CA 95112
Phone: (408) 808-3043
Email: je.sjpl@sjlibrary.org

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lib.
150 E. San Fernando St.
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The full administrative record for the project is available at: Administrative Office Of The Courts, Office of Court Construction and Management, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102-3668. Please call 415-865-4017 for an appointment.

CONTACT

If you have questions about the project or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Jerome Ripperda at 916-263-8865 or by e-mail at the address listed above.

Proposed Courthouse Site in San Jose

